

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY
BENTON, LOUISIANA
MINUTES
October 18, 2023
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The Bossier Parish Police Jury met in regular and legal session on the 18th day of October, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The President, Mr. Doug Rimmer, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. Bob Brotherton, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Mac Plummer. Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Mr. Glenn Benton	Mr. Chris Marsiglia
Mr. Bob Brotherton	Ms. Julianna Parks
Mr. Jimmy Cochran	Mr. Mac Plummer
Mr. Jerome Darby	Mr. Doug Rimmer
Mr. Charles Gray	Mr. Philip Rodgers
Mr. John Ed Jorden	Mr. Tom Salzer

Others present were Mr. Joe E. "Butch" Ford, Jr., Parish Administrator; Mr. Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney; Mr. Eric Hudson, Parish Engineer; Ms. Rachel Hauser, Parish Secretary; Ms. Stacie Fernandez, Parish Treasurer.

Mr. Rimmer asked if anyone was present that would like to address the police jury to discuss an item that is currently not on the agenda. Mr. David Crockett, requested to be added to the agenda as a visitor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to amend the agenda to add Mr. David Crockett, as Visitor No. 1.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Crockett lives at 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, LA and is retired Air Force. He spent 30 years in the Air Force and retired Colonel. He used to be a Vice Wing Commander and

Squadron Commander. He has enjoyed getting to know people in Bossier City about the term limits effort. He attended the **ARTPAC** meeting where the idea was introduced. Now, there is a broad coalition, **DEPAC, ARPAC** and everyone supports term limits. He stated that 90% of people they speak to support term limits. The goal is to show that everyone in the juror's districts supports term limits. Eighty percent of Democrats nationally support term limits and approximately 90% of Republicans. He hopes the jury will start an effort to get term limits by one of two ways: establish a home rule charter or go through the state. They are still working for Bossier City term limits. He would like to know from the each of the jurors at some time if they are in favor of term limits. Eventually, they will conduct a survey in each district to show that the people want term limits. It's not to say whether people are doing a good job or a bad job but there are a lot of people that are frustrated. He thanked the jury for the opportunity to speak.

Motion was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to amend the agenda to add Ms. Gloria Davis, as Visitor No. 3.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

AYES: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Davis stated that during the rainy season the ArkLa Plant Road floods which requires signage stating that the road is unable to be used. It has been happening for years. Her husband had asked that the drains be fixed. The road has been fixed several times but continues to wash out if the drainage issue is never fixed. Mr. Rimmer stated that it would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Hudson for a status. Mr. Hudson stated he would take a look at the road.

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to award bid for Project No. 2019-128, White Oak Ditch Improvements, in accordance with bids received on September 28, 2023, and authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
CW&W Contractors, Inc.	\$1,080,784.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby the award bid for Project No. 2019-128, White Oak Ditch Improvements, in the amount of \$1,080,784.00 to CW&W Contractors, Inc., in accordance with bids received on September 28, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to same.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. It was duly adopted on the 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**RACHEL HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY**

**DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY**

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to award a quote for Wild Briar Drainage, in accordance with bids received on October 12, 2023, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Hudson stated he sent out five proposals but only received one back. It is for \$24,800.00. It is below his estimate.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Bid results are as follows:

Bidder:	Bid Amount:
H & H Contracting, Inc.	\$24,800.00

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby award a quote for Wild Briar Drainage, in the amount of \$24,800.00 to H & H Contracting, Inc., in accordance with bids received on September 28, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to same.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Jorden. It was duly adopted on the 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Plummer and seconded by Mr. Darby, to authorize the advertising of bids for annual supplies and materials for the Bossier Parish Highway Department, bids to be received December 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution adopting the provisions of Louisiana Act No. 205 of 2023, effective August 1, 2023, (“the amended act”) amending and reenacting Act No. 558 of 1956, to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of the metropolitan planning area to extend beyond the five-mile radius in Act 205 of 2023 to also include a larger portion of the unincorporated part of Bossier Parish and changing the definition of the “metropolitan planning commission” from the “Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission” to the “Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission”.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to adopt a resolution adopting the provisions of Louisiana Act No. 205 of 2023, effective August 1, 2023, (“the amended act”) amending and reenacting Act No. 558 of 1956, to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of the metropolitan planning area to extend beyond the five-mile radius in Act 205 of 2023 to also include a larger portion of the unincorporated part of Bossier Parish and changing the definition of the “metropolitan planning commission” from the “Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission” to the “Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission”.**

Mr. Hudson stated that they expanded to where it ties in with Crouch Road.

Mr. Rodgers clarified that this was added for the new North/South to be in the MPC and it went all the way to Merritt Road.

Mr. Hudson stated it follows the North/South up to Parks Road and then one section further. It is tied in with the Bossier and Benton MPC and went north.

Mr. Jackson stated that Rep. Crews wanted to make sure everyone had an opportunity to talk. He asked if there was anyone present to speak.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby adopt the provisions of Louisiana Act No. 205 of 2023, effective August 1, 2023, (“the amended act”) amending and reenacting Act No. 558 of 1956, to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of the metropolitan planning area to extend beyond the five-mile radius in Act 205 of 2023 to also include a larger portion of the unincorporated part of Bossier Parish and changing the definition of the “metropolitan planning commission” from the “Benton-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission” to the “Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of Kilpatrick Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Kilpatrick Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Cummings Drive. Case BP-12-23 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC.

Mr. Hudson stated Mr. Kilpatrick has two lots on a larger tract of ten acres which he wants to reconfigure into a five-acre and a 4.9 acre lot. No new lots were created. It is a resubdivision of an existing ten acres.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jorden, to approve the plat of the proposed development of Kilpatrick Subdivision, being a resubdivision of Kilpatrick Place Subdivision, Unit No. 1, located in Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider approval of the minor plat of the proposed development of Pro Gator Subdivision, located in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 3. Case BP-23-23 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC.

Mr. Hudson stated this plat is off a state highway. It reconfigures some lot lines for encroachment issues in between the lots.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to approve the proposed development of Pro Gator Subdivision, located in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off Highway 3.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 4.983 acres, more or less, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed new tire repair shop; located west of the Bossier Parish EMS Office and east of the southeast corner of Swan Lake Road and Airline Drive. Case P-ZON-000129-2023 - Favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC.

Mr. Michael Kelsh with Raley and Associates was present representing the developer.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the business was a chain. Mr. Kelsh stated it was an individual.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve the application of Michael Kelsh, Raley and Associates, to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 4.983 acres, more or less, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed new tire repair shop; located west of the Bossier Parish EMS Office and east of the southeast corner of Swan Lake Road and Airline Drive.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF _____, THE BENTON-PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND BEING 4.983 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LA, FROM R-A, RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR A PROPOSED NEW TIRE REPAIR SHOP; LOCATED WEST OF THE BOSSIER PARISH EMS OFFICE AND EAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SWAN LAKE ROAD AND AIRLINE DRIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session convened on this 18th day of October, 2023, that **Ordinance No. ____ of ____** of the Police Jury of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is hereby amended to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 4.983 acres, more or less, located in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-A, Residential Agriculture District, to B-3, General Business District, for a proposed new tire repair shop; located west of the Bossier Parish EMS Office and east of the southeast corner of Swan Lake Road and Airline Drive, being more particularly described as follows:

From NE cor. of Sec. 28, run S. 89 deg. 22 min. W. 1992.10 ft. to pt. of begin.,
Thence S. 9 deg. 10 min. W. 489.84 ft.,
Thence S. 89 deg. 19 min. W. 611.12 ft. to E. R/W of Airline Dr.,
Thence N. 0 deg. 10 min. E. along said R/W 80.64 ft. to intersection of the centerline of Willow Chute Bayou;
Thence traversing said centerline as follows:
N. 62 deg. 39 min. E. 100.19 ft. N. 39 deg. 35 min. E. 136.76 ft.,
N. 31 deg. 0 min. E. 306.76 ft to N. line of said sec.,
Thence N. 89 deg. 22 min. E. along said R/W 277.35 ft. to pt. of begin., less road R/W T. 19, R. 13. /TR. 2-E/

Applicant: Raley and Associates, Inc. (Michael Kelsch)
Purpose: Ray's Tire Barn

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider the application of Miguel Gutierrez to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a restaurant, Casa Jimador, located at 5420 Airline Drive,

Suite 200, Bossier City, LA. Case P-ALC-000168-2023 - Favorable recommendation by the Bossier City-Parish MPC, with conditions.

Carlotta Askew-Brown from the Bossier MPC stipulated that the MPC approved the application with conditions that the landscaping be put in for the entire development at such time that they apply for their Certificate of Occupancy.

There being no opposition, **motion was made by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to approve the application of Miguel Gutierrez to the Bossier City-Parish MPC for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a restaurant, Casa Jimador, located at 5420 Airline Drive, Suite 200, Bossier City, LA with the condition that landscaping is complete at the time they receive their Certificate of Occupancy.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A RESTAURANT, CASA JIMADOR, LOCATED AT 5420 AIRLINE DRIVE, SUITE 200, BOSSIER CITY, LA. (BOSSIER MPC CASE P-ALC-000168-2023)

WHEREAS, Miguel Gutierrez, has applied to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for a Conditional Use Approval for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a restaurant, Casa Jimador, located at 5420 Airline Drive, Suite 200, Bossier City, LA; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held by the Bossier Parish Police Jury on October 18, 2023.

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the sale of high and low content alcohol for on-premise consumption at a restaurant, Casa Jimador, located at 5420 Airline Drive, Suite 200, Bossier City, LA, is hereby approved with the stipulation that landscaping for the entire development is complete prior to obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Ms. Hauser announced the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on all portions of Marshall Road and South Marshall Road, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Ms. Hauser read into the record that she received a call from Ms. Sharon Marshall at 1146 South Marshall Road, Haughton, Louisiana that she is not in favor of this request.

Mr. Benton asked how many people lived in the area and were affected. He was advised there is a list of people who were notified.

Mr. Anthony Wells, 165 Marshall Road. He lives at the split of Marshall and South Marshall Road. He disagrees with prohibiting parking. The only time there has been trouble is if a birthday party or Thanksgiving gathering guests parked. He has never known an ambulance or policeman that could not get through. If a person was asked to move a vehicle, the person would comply.

Mr. Jorden stated he had complaint about a car that had been sitting with Texas plates for a longer time. As far as parking for get togethers is not like an abandoned car.

Mr. Wells stated that he does not recall a car parked for a long period of time. Mr. Jorden stated he saw it past Mr. Wells' home and you can tell it had not been moved in a long time.

Mr. Benton stated that if the ordinance passes, even parking for a birthday party, no one can park there. It eliminates all parking.

Mr. Jackson confirmed there would be no parking. Mr. Jackson stated if it is an abandoned vehicle, the parish can take care of that as well. He suggested the matter be tabled so further information can be obtained.

Ms. Hauser reported an ordinance in place that portions of Marshall Road are already no parking.

Ms. Carolyn Harris lives at 210 Marshall Road. The vehicle Mr. Jorden spoke about was parked for seven to ten days. It was her uncle's car. She has moved the car onto her driveway once she received notice. Mr. Rimmer asked if she was in favor of tabling the matter and handling individually.

Ms. Kathy Marshall-Musgrove lives at 225 Marshall Road, a dead end on North Marshall Road. She has called several times about cars left with deflated tires and abandoned. Her garbage pickup has to back in from the beginning of North Marshall Road to the end. There are problems with her getting deliveries. She was present several years ago about parking and leaving vehicles on the road. She does not have a problem with temporary parking, but abandoning vehicles is a problem. The two people who rejected the ordinance last time were not residents, they were visitors. Mr. Rimmer stated that being a resident of the area is not a requirement. Ms. Marshall-Musgrove reiterated the problem with leaving vehicles for long periods of time. It is a right of way, not a parking lot.

Mr. Larry Strogon has lived at 1154 South Marshall since 1978. He stated it is problem with people parking on the road and he can't get home. He feels something needs to be done to head off the problem. Mr. Jackson asked if it is an always problem or a sometimes problem. Mr. Strogon stated it is not always. He said it is a problem when someone sees you coming and they will not move, the ambulance nor mail can get in, it is a problem. Mr. Jackson stated he would speak to Mr. Jorden after the meeting. In another district, they passed an ordinance for no parking on one side of the road. That may be a solution. Mr. Strogon agreed that double parking is a problem.

Mr. Benton asked if they were parking in the section that is already designated no parking area, between the signs. Mr. Strogon stated not on South Marshall. If they park on one side, he does not have a problem, only if they block the whole road. Mr. Benton stated they can be towed if parking in between the signs.

Mr. Darby asked if anyone had called the sheriff. If he can't get to his home because they are parked on both sides, then calling the sheriff could eliminate that problem.

Mr. Jackson stated there no parking ordinances on certain streets but there is a general rule about impeding public rights of way. There are other avenues he will get with Mr. Jorden about.

Mr. Strogon's main issue is blocking the entire road. Blocking access for trash and mail.

Mr. Jackson stated it is an enforcement issues. He stated we will come back in two weeks with a better solution.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Benton, to table the public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles on all portions of

Marshall Road and South Marshall Road, located in Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer to schedule a public hearing on December 6, 2023 to consider adoption of the 2024 Bossier Parish Police Jury Budget.

Mr. David Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana, asked when the budget will be published, how long will the public be able to review before it comes out and is the vote a one meeting approval. He thinks the public needs to have time to look at it.

Mr. Jackson stated it done the same every year. There is an October budget meeting. It is published for at least thirty days. They will vote to adopt but it does not go into effect until January. It will be reviewed every month as they pay the bills. He stated there are draft budgets which look like all budgets that preceded them. They will have committee meetings and they will post the budget but will not go into effect until next year.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Cochran to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2023, to consider the application of Ryan Estess, Raley & Associates,

to the Benton Metropolitan Planning Commission for a zoning amendment to change the zoning classification of a certain tract of land being 15.81 acres, more or less, located in Sections 16 and 17, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA, from R-1, One Family Resident District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, for a commercial development; located north of the Kingston Crossing Apartments on Kingston Road. Case BP-20-23 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Marsiglia, to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2023, to consider approval of the plat of the proposed development of American Freedom Subdivision, located in Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA; located off LA Highway 162. Case BP-21-23 – Favorable recommendation by the Benton MPC.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. David Ghormley, Property Standards Officer, presented photographs of property located at 228 Bodcau Station Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 122435. The decision of the board was to proceed to a condemnation hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Salzer, seconded by Mr. Darby, to schedule a condemnation hearing on November 1, 2023 to consider condemnation of property located at 228 Bodcau Sation Road, Haughton, LA, Tax Assessment No. 122435.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer, to consider combining the two meetings in January 2024, to meet one time on January 10, 2024, with the Finance Committee meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran to reappointment of Mr. Doug Rimmer to the Bossier Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term, term to expire October 1, 2028.

Ms. Mary Odom, 974 Oliver Road, Haughton, LA, asked why he be appointed to a five-year term when there is an election every four years. Mr. Cochran stated he can still serve on the committee for five years, he doesn't have to be an elected official. Ms. Odom asked why there were no citizens on the library board. Mr. Rimmer stated you have to be a resident of Bossier Parish to be

on the board and the library has always been under the police jury as it was created by the police jury.

She stated in the ordinance that the chairman of the police jury is an *ex officio* member of the library board and asked who was on the library board. Mr. Rimmer stated the sitting members are himself, Julianna Parks, Glen Benton, Bob Brotherton and Charles Gray. She asked where the regular citizens were. Mr. Rimmer stated they are all regular citizens despite being elected officials. She stated regular citizens such as Clara Davis and Elmore Morris. Mr. Rimmer stated he has been on the oversight committee for twelve years, so he understands. She asked how it changed to jurors. Mr. Rimmer stated that as terms expired, they appointed people. Mr. Jackson advised her that they just voted to have jurors on the board. The jury creates the ordinances. The jury is the legislative body that creates the ordinance and they voted to suspend that ordinance. Mr. Jackson told Ms. Odom that that repeal is in the public record.

David Crockett, 653 Dumaine Drive, Bossier City, LA, thinks the answer to Ms. Odom's question is that the Attorney General stated this would be considered dual office holding and that the police jury cannot appoint itself because they are elected officials that hold a position as a library board member. He stated he thinks he would like to hear if the parish attorney disagrees with the attorney general, who is going to be our new governor, feels about these positions. We felt we ran into a legal situation in the past regarding Robert Berry. When you go against the state's attorney and take away the right of the people to service, he thinks it's a great idea to change people, he believes in term limits and new ideas and positions makes a difference for the public. He doesn't think the answer was given and it needs to be forthright. They are elected to appoint but people are getting frustrated. A path needs to be defined going forward as getting regular citizens on the library board.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Gray

ABSENT: None

Mr. Gray stated he abstained from the vote as he was outside at the time.

Ms. Hauser announced the discussion of pending litigation “James McCormick D.D.S., *et al* vs. Butch Ford, et al, Suit No. 164341, 26th Judicial District Court, Bossier Parish, LA.” Ms. Parks stated she asked that it be placed on the agenda because there has been a decision by the district court that is currently being appealed. She wanted to look at what the ruling said and see if there they needed to go forward in a different manner. The police jury is not appealing it, but the plaintiff in the matter is. It is a fine line because typically litigation is somewhat confidential even though it involves a public issue because the parish cannot defend itself properly without the same attorney-client privilege that individuals are entitled. If it seems she is being careful about what she says, that is why. In short, it was brought to the jury in an executive session. Different ideas were discussed and since that meeting, jurors have done additional research on their own, learned the history and so initial opinions may have changed. For the purpose of having as much transparency as possible with a legal issue, she wanted it brought before the jury so they can vote on the record whether they are in favor of abandoning the lawsuit and issuing the permit. Or whether they believe that would be in violation of the public’s interest at are at issue when ordinances are put into place.

Mr. Salzer clarified that that she is making a motion to allow the McCormicks to obtain a building permit.

Motion was made by Ms. Parks to consider allow the McCormicks to obtain a building permit.

Mr. Benton asked how that affects the rest. Mr. Jackson stated they are in a different posture for him to comment on pending litigation in an open meeting. With the other issues, he cannot recommend that.

Since a second had not been obtained, **motion was made by Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Gray to table discussion of pending litigation “James McCormick D.D.S., *et al* vs. Butch Ford, et al, Suit No. 164341, 26th Judicial District Court, Bossier Parish, LA until November 1, 2023.**

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: Ms. Parks

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Hauser announced discussion of drainage issues in a roadside ditch located at 1324 Linton Road, Benton, LA. Mr. Jackson stated that the natural drain in this area flows through a gentleman's property. For some reason, he decided to fill it in which caused his neighbor's property to have standing water. We asked him nicely to try to fix it. He did do some work, but it did not alleviate the back up. At this point, we need guidance from the jury on how to proceed. Either send another letter asking him to do more, ignore it or sue the man and force him to do it. Unfortunately, because of the water backing up on the road, it cannot be ignored.

Mr. Rodgers stated the man filled in his front yard the ditch through the natural drainage. Mr. Rodgers would like to approve a motion that gives the highway department the authority to dig that section back out. He would also like to meet with the homeowner to see if he would like to dig it out within two weeks or the jury can, whichever one he would prefer.

Mr. Hudson advised Mr. Marsiglia that this is Linton Road at Ford Road.

Mr. Salzer asked Mr. Rodgers if the resident didn't place a pipe in or just filled the ditches. Mr. Rodgers stated the natural drain drained through his yard. He graded his yard and filled it in. He would like to give the highway department the authority to clean it out or give him two weeks to clean it out to let the water drain.

Mr. Jackson stated that the resident will not allow the highway department to clean it out. The police jury doesn't have the ability of self-help unless there is a publicly declared emergency. If there were an active flood, the president could issue an emergency declaration. We can ask him nicely, but if he says no we will ask permission from the court.

Mr. Rodgers stated that if he doesn't clean it out, we could file suit. Mr. Jackson stated that if he allows us to clean it out, we will clean it out. But we cannot go on the property if he says no.

Mr. Darby requested clarification. The motion is to give two weeks notice. Mr. Jackson stated that we want to try Mr. Rodgers' suggestion first, in two weeks I will let you know let you

know what was decided. Multiple letters have been sent. Mr. Darby stated there has been amply opportunity to correct the problem. It is tax payers money we have to use to correct a problem that he did, not the parish. Mr. Darby stated he is very mindful of taxpayer's dollars. Mr. Rodgers stated that he would like to give him one more chance. Mr. Salzer stated that if it backs up on road, it is a safety issue for citizens on the road. Mr. Hudson verified that this has been going on for at least two years.

Motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Benton to allow the property owner at 1324 Linton Road, Benton, LA two weeks to clean out the drainage.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers

NAYS: Ms. Parks, Mr. Darby, Mr. Salzer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Hauser announced discussion to consider approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement for Roadside Vegetation Management with EDKO, LLC, Project No. 2020-117, Roadside Vegetation Management, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Hudson stated that the one-year extensions are automatic renewals in their currently five-year contract. If there is no cost increase, it automatically renews. However, the contract added additional ditches, gained roads, roads built, additional services and chemical cost increases. It increased the total contract by \$8,269.94 for the year.

Mr. Jorden stated the main complaint from residents in his district that they are killing all of the grass and it is only dirt. Mr. Hudson stated he didn't know if it was EDKO or AEP. Mr. Jorden stated it in areas without electric lines. The chemicals kill everything but _____ grass. Most of his district _____ grass doesn't grow. It is just bare ground on the side of the road and it is washing out. We need more bush hogging than chemicals.

Mr. Jackson advised this program was started as an experiment as the parish had a lot of difficulties with roadside mowing. There is at least one claim in Mr. Jorden's district by a farmer

who is aggrieved about the herbicides. If he would like, we can have a committee meeting to discuss as it has been a great help to the highway department.

Ms. Parks stated she is receiving a lot of comments also. It is killing all of the trees. Mr. Hudson stated that is mostly AEP.

Mr. Hudson stated the contract would extend the contract for one year. He recommends the police jury approve. Then have a committee meeting to work with EDKO to change their strategies.

Mr. Hudson stated that there is not a timeframe to sign. Mr. Jackson stated that he would like to wait two weeks so they can address Mr. Jorden’s and Ms. Parks’ comments. If it is AEP, the parish needs to educate them. If not, we need to discuss with EDKO.

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Ms. Parks, to table until November 1, 2023 consideration for approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement for Roadside Vegetation Management with EDKO, LLC, Project No. 2020-117, Roadside Vegetation Management.

Mr. Hudson is okay with tabling for two weeks but EDKO is at the point they order supplies for the next year. If we were to terminate, the parish would have to mow and rebid. His preference would be to approve and then work with EDKO. If it did not work this year, then the parish can plan ahead and readvertise and look at different options.

Mr. Jorden asked if more bush hogging could be added with EDKO. Mr. Hudson stated it can and it would be an additional scope with additional money.

Mr. Jackson asked for two weeks. He asked to find out mowing prices.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to approve of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-125, Proposed Street

Improvements, 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads – Task Order No. 13, and authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2021-125, Proposed Street Improvements, 4263 PW 910 Paved Roads – Task Order No. 13.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Rodgers to approve of a Federal Lands Access Program Project Cooperative Agreement for preliminary engineering for Project LA FLAP BPPJ BDCVIL (1) for the following routes, Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road, and authorize execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approve a Federal Lands Access Program Project Cooperative Agreement for preliminary engineering for Project LA FLAP BPPJ BDCVIL (1) for the following routes, Bodcau Dam Road, Cotton Valley Road, and Ivan Lake Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran to accept of the proposal from Intertek Professional Services Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Project No. 2022-111, Parish Camp Boat Launch Improvements, and authorize execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby accept of the proposal from Intertek Professional Services Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 for construction materials testing and observation services for Project No. 2022-111, Parish Camp Boat Launch Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Cochran It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY**

**DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY**

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer, to accept the design exceptions for State Project No. H.015519, F.A.P. Project No. H015519, Smith Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou, and authorize execution of documents.

Mr. Hudson stated the design exception is to realign the roadway to reduce the sharpness of the curve at the east end of the bridge using a minimum curvature allowing 35 mph design, a 35 mph posted speed to be carried through the design with a straight bridge with a normal crown to match the existing, per AASHTO “Guidelines for Geometric Design of Low-Volume Roads” 2019. Basically, the Smith Road bridge will be realigned to take the curve out which require design exceptions.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby accept the design exceptions for State Project No. H.015519, F.A.P. Project No. H015519, Smith Road Bridge over Red Chute Bayou.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Salzer. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton, to approve a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface level located at 810 Grey Fox Circle, Haughton, LA, Lot 184, Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 8, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Redmon showed pictures showing a lot at the down stream side of a cul-de-sac. The lot drains off the back. It is uneconomical to build it above the road due to topography. They have a drainage plan. There is also a drainage servitude along the side that has to be reserved. The builder is aware and seeking a variance.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approves a variance of parish regulations to allow a home to be built below the road surface level located at 810 Grey Fox Circle, Haughton, LA, Lot 184, Dogwood South Subdivision, Unit No. 8.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Brotherton. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Rodgers to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2023-117, Old Brownlee Road Sidewalk Extension, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Redmon showed photographs showing the sidewalk is complete and seeding has been done.

Mr. Rodgers asked about a stop sign in the area. The stop sign is for the bike path. Mr. Hudson stated it is a 12x12 stop sign which is not a legal stop sign for vehicle. It is what is designed

for pedestrian ways. A small stop sign does not apply to a vehicle. They are going to see if they can put “Bike Path Only” on the sign. He cannot do anything that is not recommended by the MUTCD Manual.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Project No. 2023-117, Old Brownlee Road Sidewalk Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray, to approve of Change Order No. 1, deducting \$2,732.00, for Project No. 2023-117, Old Brownlee Road Sidewalk Extension, and authorize the execution of documents.

Mr. Redmon stated it was a deductive change order taking off \$2,732.00.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approve of Change Order No. 1 for Project No. 2023-117, Old Brownlee Road Sidewalk Extension for a deduction of \$2,732.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with said Certificate of Substantial Completion.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Marsiglia, seconded by Mr. Gray. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Motion was made by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve of Supplement Agreement No. 2 in the amount of \$97,762.00 to the Agreement with Civil Design Group, LLC fore the construction administration services for Project No. 2022-111, Parish Camp Boat Launch Improvements, and authorize the execution of documents.

The President called for public comment. There being none, **motion carried with the following votes recorded:**

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, that it does hereby approve of Supplement Agreement No. 2 in the amount of \$97,762.00 to the Agreement with Civil Design Group, LLC for the construction administration services for Project No. 2022-111, Parish Camp Boat Launch Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Administrator or Parish President be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents.

The resolution was offered by Mr. Brotherton, seconded by Mr. Plummer. It was duly adopted on this 18th day of October, 2023, with the following votes recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Benton, Mr. Brotherton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Darby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jorden, Mr. Marsiglia, Ms. Parks, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Salzer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

Mr. Ford reported he attended the I-49 Intercity Connect the previous day. It was well attended. Eric Cavalotta was there as well as the newly elected senators, house representatives, state, were there. They will put out a report on the route they chose in the next few months.

Mr. Ford reminded the police jury that on November 2, 2023 at the Shreveport Convention Center is the Shreveport Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast.

The veteran’s celebration will be Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th, 2023. He has brochure he will forward to the jurors.

Mr. Gray asked if he could revisit the reappoint to the library board to regular people in the community. Mr. Jackson stated that the jury votes to approve those appointments. A majority of the jurors can choose to appoint whomever it wishes. Mr. Gray asked if a vote was to reappoint can be done. Mr. Jackson advised they have always had that option. He stated that he was appointed on the library board. He stated he has gotten calls from people who would love to be on the library board. He asked if he needs to make a motion to appoint someone from the community. Mr. Jackson advised that he can do that when the next appointment comes up. It has to be done when the next appointment comes open unless there are some other issues that causes the jury to terminate terms early for good cause.

Mr. Rodgers asked when Mr. Gray's appointment was over. Mr. Rodgers reminded him it is a five-year term. Mr. Gray was advised that he would still be on the board although he will not be a police juror.

Ms. Hauser announced that the 2024 Police Jury Association Convention is February 28-March 1, 2024. If anyone would like to attend, please let staff know. It will be held in Lake Charles.

Mr. Hudson provided an updated on several projects and discussed the off-bridge system.

Mr. Hudson stated the extension at Innovation Drive and Dairy Lane Extension is expected to completed at the end of the month.

Mr. Hudson stated they readvertised the East/West Corridor project. They got the DTOD selections for the top three lists. They will get to choose and make their recommendation from the top three. It is non-binding. They asked DTOD to select the Neil Schaffer team.

Mr. Kevin Gay presented an update on activities of the highway department and on several road projects in the parish.

Mr. Jorden passed on thanks for work done on Kilgore Road.

Mr. Rodgers discussed the road program. He stated he knew they had marked Parks Road. Mr. Gay stated will be done as soon as they are done with Dogwood.

Mr. Warren Saucier, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on activities at parks throughout Bossier Parish.

Mr. Nguyen Khan, Public Utilities Director, gave an update on the water sector grants. He provided photographs and updates of sewer projects.

Mr. Rodgers verified with Mr. Benton that Country Place's rates will decrease due to no impact fees.

Mr. Benton stated they needed to get with the fire department. When they perform testing in Country Place, a notice needs to be sent to residents.

Mr. Ford introduced the parish's new Public Information Officer, Rob White.

Mr. Rodgers thanked everyone who voted for him to continue as a police juror.

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Jackson if the police jury created the library board. Mr. Jackson stated that the attorney's office issued several opinions about this subject. Those are the law for the AG's office, not administrative pamphlets that are sent out for library boards to use. The police jurors have received the current Attorney General's opinion along with the creation ordinance where in the Bossier Parish Police Jury created the library system in 1939 through 1941. There is a specific exemption from a dual office holding violation for police jurors to appoint yourselves to committees that the police jury has established. The parish is on solid footing. There is absolutely no dual office holding problem. The case law is 100% clear. There is not a single case to support any other conclusion. That is why you have seen no action by the Attorney General's office. I suspect that when the new Attorney General's office gets in, they will clear up this literature issue. He thinks the literature was rushed out. He is still waiting on an answer on the information he provided them. He has called at least five times asking for additional information and clarification, but no calls have

been returned. Right now, you have all of the Attorney General's opinions and dual office holding law which specifically exempts it.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the police jury created the library board, did the police jury create the highway department also? Mr. Jackson stated it did. Mr. Rodgers asked why is the library board necessary and if the parish does not have a highway department board. Mr. Jackson stated there was a period of time when things were not as clear. Why library boards of control were established, he does not know. The parish has operated with the board for a long time. The boards have lost their usefulness. Appointed officials are not nearly as responsive to the electic as elected officials. Elected officials are more accountable to the people and that is why the jury chose to replace appointed officials with elected officials. Mr. Rodgers stated the public gets to see that as much as the jurors. When you are appointed, there is no one calling and checking on issues like they do police jurors.

Mr. Benton added that there is a gentleman who has been on the library board in Jeff Davis Parish for twelve years.

Mr. Rimmer stated that jurors serving on the library board are very common. Mr. Rimmer stated that it has been told many times but has not been understood. Comments were made today that have been corrected as our attorney stated that the police jury is on sound legal ground. If that changes, the police jury will change. They never replaced anybody off the board before their term expired. They let the term expire and they appointed other people to the position. There was one individual who had moved out of Bossier Parish and wanted to remain on the board. Some of the citizen board members wanted her to stay. However, they could not keep her on the board. They had to follow the rules. That is what they are doing now, is following the rules.

Mr. Salzer thanked everyone who made donations to cancer charities. This month is cancer awareness. You do not always have to donate. You can help by volunteering. It does not have to be at an institution. It could be a neighbor or someone at church that may need the smallest of things such as a ride, grocery store trip. Everyone is doing good things for this bad thing called cancer.

Ms. Parks thanked everyone who voted for her. Ms. Parks has received some questions from residents in her district who are not on the parish water system, but the city's water system, that the

water smelling strong like chlorine. She spoke with the city engineer that advised that they don't use chlorine throughout the year anymore. They only use chlorine for about six weeks a year to get rid of buildup. That has currently been happening and the smell should get better towards the beginning of November.

Regarding the library board, Ms. Parks pointed out it states on the Attorney General's website that these are advisory only and they do not have the force and effect of law. Again, as Mr. Jackson pointed out, this was not even an opinion. That would apply to opinions. This was even less forceful than that of the Attorney General, who is our newly elected Governor. We are not crossing him by stating this particular opinion is wrong. There are differing opinions on that. She also pointed out that like this opinion is not law, the statute is law. The statute clearly says the dual office statute does not apply and the jury can appoint themselves to the library board. Also, the state constitution says that we could completely eliminate the board if they wanted. She does feel they are on solid legal ground appointing themselves. She wants to assure citizens that they do not take it lightly and they make sure they are following the law.

Mr. Jackson advised that the long-time highway superintendent is getting ready to retire in two days. We will certainly miss his great work. He is the fourth highway superintendent Mr. Jackson has worked with. He guesses the job just wears you out. We hate to see him go but wish him well in his retirement. There is a function planned for him in a couple of days.

Mr. Jackson stated there is an effort to release those sitting on death row to life sentence only. The Twenty-Sixth JDC has two such individuals who have had the death penalty imposed for their crimes in our community. The District Attorney's office is actively participating in making sure those victim's rights are heard before the pardon board. As you may see this, it will reach a fevered pitch by the end of December, prior to the new Governor taking over. If you see things, understand that the Twenty-Sixth JDC and Mr. Marvin are fighting to maintain those convictions that were imposed here in our community for those crimes.

Mr. Jackson wanted to take personal privilege to say that a very good friend of his, an officer of the court, long-time citizen, Lyn Lawrence, is having a real tough time this week. It may be a tough week for his family so please keep Angela and his kids in your prayers.

There being no further business to come before the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 18th day of October, 2023, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rimmer at 3:45 p.m.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

DOUG RIMMER, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY